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SBUECT: REQUEST FOR VISIT BY USN WARSHIP

1. IN COURSE MARCH 3 MEETING, SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT RENE TOLD CHARGE THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR STARTSEV HAS RECENTLY REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR "LARGE SOVIET WARSHIP" TO MAKE "OFFICIAL VISIT" TO SEYCHELLES AT TIME OF JUNE 5 CELEBRATION COMMEMORATING FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF COUP D'ETAT. RENE SAID HE TOLD STARTSEV SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT WOULD PLAN TO APPROACH OTHER NAVAL POWERS WITH REQUEST TO ALSO SEND WARSHIPS AND ADDED THAT NO SPECIAL TREATMENT WOULD BE ACCORDED SOVIETS BY VIRTUE OF EITHER SIZE OF THEIR SHIP OR NATURE OF PROPOSED VISIT.

2. RENE THEN ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR USN SHIP TO VISIT VICTORIA IN JUNE 5 TIMEFRAME. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD ALSO BE APPROACHING FRANCE, U.K., AND POSSIBLY AUSTRALIA AND INDIA FOR SHIP VISITS.

3. THIS YEAR, ACCORDING RENE, INDEPENDENCE DAY (JUNE 29)
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WILL BE OBSERVED AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY BUT NO SPECIAL CELEBRATION BEING CONTEMPLATED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF SCHEDULING PERMITS, STRONGLY RECOMMEND USG BE RESPONSIVE TO PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST AND THAT MIDEASTFOR OR OTHER USN SHIP IN INDIAN OCEAN VISIT SEYCHELLES O/A JUNE 2 TO JUNE 9. (PRESENCE IN VICTORIA OF SPECIALLY-DISPATCHED USN

WARSHIP ON JUNE 29, 1977, THREE WEEKS AFTER RENE ASSUMED POWER,
WAS MUCH APPRECIATED BY POPULACE AND NEW GOVERNMENT). IN RESPONSE
TO QUERY FROM CHARGE, RENE SAID "THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM
WHATEVER" IF USN SHIP ALSO VISITED SEYCHELLES SOMETIME IN
MAY.
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